HOME LIKE A ZOO, DECLARES

Reptiles Spoil Mrs. Burnett's Eden, but Judge Sustains Serpents and Denies Her Petition-Wife Testifies That She Found Snakes in Bookcase-"Rookworms," Says Facetious Court



MRS. BURNETT, because her husband made pets of anakes. Who sued for a divorce i

needed that keeping snakes as household pets does not constitute grounds for a separation of man and wife.

The suit was that and wife.

Would find them everywhere. One of them got away and we did not know where it had gone. When I went to get a book out of the bookcuse I took hold of the terrible thing."

In the rear of the REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

and "hole-in-the-ground," and with knocking left about.

He acqueed her of flirting, drinking, smoking distrettes and calling him a little tin nobody.
Through the whole proceeding there ran a sibilant undertone, for the snakes Mr. Burnett kept as pets were perpetually turning up in the evidence.

Mrs. Burnett was on the witness stand most of the day. She fixed a basilisk eye on her husband's lawyer and told of her troubles with her husband and her husband's mother.

"HOUSE FULL OF SNAKES."

HOUSE FULL OF SNAKES." "He kept the house full of snakes," she "Boa constrictors, per-de-lances, copperheads and all kinds of snakes. I separation.

stead of Sunlight, Declares George C. Rockwood.

New York, Dec. 19.—Artificial sunlight that may be used as effectively as the real rays of old Sol-that is what has been secured through the new electric-vapor

light invented by Peter Cooper Hewitt,

and it is being utilized with the most

gratifying results in various galleries in

oneer in making use of the wonderful dis-

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

George D. Rockwood, who was the pi-

The Hewitt light is the greatest thing on earth. It takes the place of sunlight in our gallery. We use it for printing on

Few People Knew How Useful It is in Preserving Manith and Beauty.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

HEWITT'S NEW LIGHT MAY

would find them everywhere. One of them got away and we did not know where it

bad gone. When I went to get a book out of the bookense I took hold of the terrible of the sources of the courtroom a man who looked like the curator of a museum was explaining that the reptile she encountered in the Burnett against her husband. Harold Burnett. They lived on Brooklyn Heights until the serpents destroyed their Eden.

The courtroom scene was like a pink teat on the Heights, for all the neighbors came to sympathize with one side or the other, and the dress rivelry was as strong as at the Horse Show.

This gathering of richly gowned women was thrown into a panic just after the judgment was pronounced, for Mr. Hull, indignant at the decision, struck Mrs. Purcell, one of the women witnesses against his daughter. She fell into the arms of bystanders. Court officers rushed forward to restrain Mr. Hull, the banks of Brooklyn women fluttered and screamed. When order was restored Mrs. Purcell said that she was badly bruised. Mr. Hull said he only disturbing element in the home. While her son's pretty pets were by no means the only disturbing element in the home. While her son Harold, under provocatios, may have spoken harshly to his wife, the only disturbing element in the home. It was Mrs. Burnett serve from the house and all night at times. It was Mrs. Burnett, Sr., who testified that she could never get any of it; with greeting her with such endearments as "burn" and "hole-in-the-ground," and with knockling fer about.

He advised her of fiirting, drinking, smoking disarettes and calling him a litter in nobody. **

**Courted up on beds were otherwise that the exploit and the provided to the ophidian element of the housekeeping at first, but by and by it word on her until it was a distinct shock to her to have a diamond-back rattler strike up an accompaniment as she went single should be a supported by the support of the courter of the courter of the courter of the courter of the book worm; the current of the courter of the Brooklyn Heights house, but there was no allegation of the trible out of shoes, w

FORMER FRIEND'S TESTIMONY,
"We used to go to the theater," testified
Mrs. Purcell, "and Mrs. Burnett would often flirt with black-face comedians. She

often flirt with black-face comedians. She drank wine and smoked cigarettes and she called her husband a blanked little nobed;."

Mrs. Burnett never looked on her husband's vipers more venomously than she did at Mrs. Loie Purcell in court.

When the testimony was all in Justice Kehoe ruled in favor of the snakes and against Mrs. Burnett, but took under advisement the husband's counter plea for a separation.

SUPERSEDE THE X RAYS.

WIFE IN SUIT FOR DIVORCE. Holiday Goods at Reduced Prices.

WE HAVE but four days in which to dispose of the many thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise bought expressly for the holiday trade. In a number of instances the quantities are much larger than they should be. In such cases the usual remedy has been applied; that is, the prices have been liberally reduced. These reductions apply particularly to very high-class garments, large and expensive toys, fancy goods, work boxes, toilet cases, etc., etc. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS, BUT YOU WILL FIND IT MOST CONVENIENT TO DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY IN THE MORNING.

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per yard.

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Wrappers, in dark colors, also of percale, flounce skirts, fully four yards in width neatly trimmed yokes; all sizes, \$1.00 val- 98c French Flannel-

values, 69c Flans eletteHouse

Women's Serge Mackintoshes, full military cape, velvet collar, they come in brown only, \$3.60 \$1.75

Children's Serge Mackintoshes,

Shop Early Morning



Shop Early in the Morning

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W E offer our entire stock of chil-dren's fine Cloaks that are marked to sell at \$10.00 and upward at a discount of 25 per cent. This will bring the cost of \$10 garments down to \$7.50, etc. They are made of the most stylish fabrics and trimmed in the newest fashions with fur, lace, etc.

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styles, made of
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Tweeds, the best
we have in the
house, values up
to \$10, sizes 8 to
16 years: \$2.00 16 years: \$5.00 choice...

choice....

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We have an excellent line of Men's Smoking Jackets, in all shades, with the latest style trim-ming: most of them have plaid cuffs, lapels and pockets; exceptional values at \$2.55 and up \$10.00

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Goods bought as late as 2 p. m. Thursday will be delivered to Kirkwood and Vicinity. Goods bought as late as 3 p. m. Thursday will be delivered to East St. Louis, Maplewood, Tower Grove and Vicinity. Goods bought as late as 4 p. m. Thursday will be delivered anywhere within the c ty limits. Goods bought as late as 5 p. m. Thursday will be delivered as far west as Union ave-We request that you take small packages with you to avoid possible delay, as in the rush small parcels are likely to be misplaced. nue, as far north as 5000 Prairie avenue and 4000 south, or Osage street.

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OTHING more appropriate for a close friend than a handsome Silk Petticoat. The special prices we quote during this sale enable you to save fully a third. \$6.00 and \$6.50 Silk Petticoats at \$5.00.

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coats \$12.50.

A useful gift is a hand-crochet Circular Shawl Cape,
We offer a splendid lot of
them, extra large size, in
white, black, pink and
white and blue borders,
s hell sittch; also Ice
Wool Shawls and Saxony
Shawls and Squares in a
great number of pretty designs-worth
\$2.5-Monday at....\$1.49
Second Floor.

Sale of Fine Hosiery.

Children's full regular made fast black ribbed Cassimere Hose, double heels and toes-50c quality-Men's extra fine imported full regular made fast black

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Others at \$3.00 and up to \$8.00 a pair.

Most Fashionable Silks.

Kimonos and Bath Robes.

Practical Christmas Gifts.

Women's French Crepe Kimonos, shirred yoke on front and back, with white border, in red. blue.

Women's good quality Ripple Elderdown Dressing Sacque large collar, trimmed with fancy \$1.5

Women's Elderdown Dressing Sacques, neatly trimmed, in all colors.....

Dressing Sucques of all-wool French Challies and French Flannels, six different styles, beautiful patterns, in soild colors, \$4.00 \$2.98 values—special Monday....\$2.98

Elderdown Bath Robes, all wool, in red, blue, pink and gray, large sall-or collar, edged with satin, heavy girdle and tassels. \$2.98

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New Foulards for waists and full gowns, in all the nest figures and small dots and spots, 24 inches wide—they are standard \$1.00 quality—on 75.0 special sale, per yard.....

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19c







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Axminster Rugs—Best makes, size 27x63 inches; worth \$1.98

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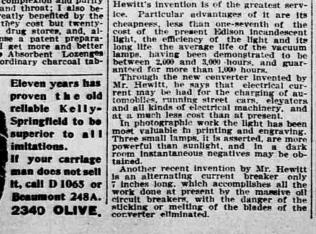
It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and boweis; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the polson of catarrh.

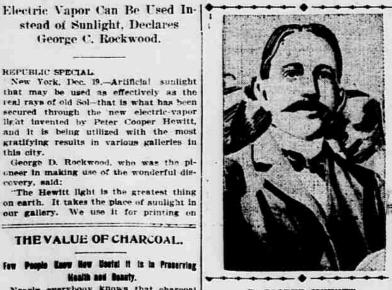
All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdere! Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

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P. COOPER HEWITT. Discoverer of a powerful new light.

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Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the cases and impurities always present. In the Cromach and intestines and carries them out of the averence. Because of its reliability it is really Because of its reliability it is really better than sunlight—that is, it doesn't vary. So quickly can the work be done by its use that a person could have a finished ricture between theater acts. I am an entiusiast on the subject because it has proven of such great benefit to me in my work." the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous wegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

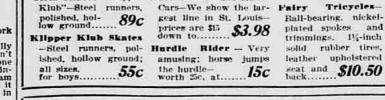
TO SUPERSEDE X-RAYS. Members of the Technology Club, at No. 36 East Twenty-eighth street, discussed the result of Mr. Health's feverting, which he for the first time explained

tion, which he for the first time explained to them last night at the opening of their clubbouse.

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tained by the use of colored dyes of spe-cial construction.

These lights have been on exhibition at various places on Broadway, and they are used with striking effect in the evil-spirit scene of the "Babes in Toyland" at the Majestic Theater. A Coney Island attrac-tion also made use of them with weird effect last summer. CHEAPNESS AN ADVANTAGE. But it is in practical work that Mr. Hewitt's invention is of the greatest service. Particular advantages of it are its



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